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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you again to all who gave generously in 2018. We want to give you a taste of what is coming in the new year and how your support is making a difference in Haiti.

Work is continuing at the Université Notre Dame d'Haiti at Hinche (UNDH-Hinche) for weekly classes on solar and biogas cooking. The semester ends in February. We look forward to the report from UNDH-H on this innovative pilot course. See some details and photos below and also look at the gallery on our website. [www.ppafoundation.org/gallery.html](http://www.ppafoundation.org/gallery.html)

PPAF is coordinating information from eight of our collaborators in response to the [Clean Cooking Alliance](#), which has asked for input relevant to the Haiti national cookstove program that may soon get underway.

Works by Haitian photographer Fedno Lubin were selected for display in two metro New York art galleries in January. (See photos below.) We first met Lubin in 2012 when he was a student at the Art Creation Foundation for Children (ACFFC) in Jacmel and PPAF was testing ethanol cookstoves there.

PPAF and ACFFC are discussing new collaboration which could include entrepreneurship training for students in several areas.

PPAF has assisted Roger Haines of Haines Solar Cookers in making connections for a first shipment of materials to build 24 cookers. It has just left San Diego for Haiti in a pilot effort to establish a supply chain for these.

PPAF is beginning discussions with Purchase College/SUNY about their plans for an arts and culture event this fall focused on Haiti. It is part of a new program that began last fall with a focus on Benin. Haitian-born and Purchase alumnus PPAF Senior Fellow Eustache Clerveaux alerted us to what could be a very interesting opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will continue your strong support to this vibrant program.

Warm regards,

David Stillman, PhD, Executive Director

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### Updates

#### Universite Notre Dame d'Haiti - Hinche (UNDH-Hinche)

During their travel to Haiti in December, Kathy Puffer of Solar CITIES Biogas and Rose Bazile of KDCK/Solavore held workshops and meetings in Hinche. They have proved it is possible to build biodigesters with local materials, except for a few small parts. With PPAF support they brought a sizable kit of these parts as well as safety equipment for such jobs. They also focused on technical issues for the classes so that expert presentations, including by Solar CITIES Biogas members in Cameroon and Kenya, could be held more efficiently..

Jennifer Gasser and Mary Buchenic from the Ohio-based Solar Education Project, plus four Haitian entrepreneurs, visited in January. They conducted a class and held discussions that could lead the students to business planning.

They reported that the students were lively and engaged and asked thoughtful questions regarding the categories on the Business Mapping Chart under discussion. They said this was a great opportunity to gain insight to the

business planning process, value proposition and customer service/ retention sectors.



### Cotes-de-Fer

Rose and Kathy travelled to Cotes-de-Fer to work with community members on the use of solar ovens. They also repaired and recommissioned two biodigesters and trained a local mechanic to maintain them.



### Haiti Adolescent Girls Network (HAGN)

Rose Bazile met with Myriam Narcisse and others from HAGN to review the use of solar ovens in girls clubs in Port-au-Prince.

### Gallery Exhibits

Several photos by Fedno Lubin were put on display in two galleries in January. The photos highlighted Carnival parades in Jacmel, Haiti. That city is famous for its Carnival each year in the days before Ash Wednesday. Known as an artistic center, including for works in papier maché, Jacmel truly comes alive in the annual festival, with children and adults eagerly participating in the celebrations. Lubin has photographed the Carnival extensively.

PPAF leaders and friends attended openings at Upstream Gallery in Hastings-on-Hudson and at the Blue Door Art Center in Yonkers, and had the chance to promote Lubin's work and to introduce Haitian art and culture to the community.



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### New Initiatives

As for new initiatives that may be forthcoming with the Clean Cooking Alliance, ACFFC, Haines Solar Cookers and Purchase College...as they say, "Watch this space!"



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